Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2010.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 4894–4896; were introduced. Page H1817 Additional Cosponsors: Page H1818

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 1203, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3590) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4872) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010 (H. Rept. 111–448).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clarke to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Page H1749

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 153.

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Public Lands Service Corps Act: The House passed H.R. 1612, to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land man-

agers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service, by a yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 116 nays, Roll No. 151.

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Agreed to the Lummis motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments by a recorded vote of 387 ayes to 21 noes, Roll No. 150. Subsequently, Representative Grijalva reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service." Page H1762

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

Bishop (UT) amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–445) that retains the existing authorization level of \$12 million a year and only authorizes the program for 5 years (by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 148) and

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Cole amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–445) that amends Section 3(f) to allow the Secretaries to enter into arrangement with tribal

governments in order to provide temporary housing with Corps volunteers (by a yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 149).

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H. Res. 1192, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3644 and H.R. 1612, was agreed to on Friday, March 19th.

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

TRICARE Affirmation Act: H.R. 4887, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that health coverage provided by the Department of Defense is treated as minimal essential coverage, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 152.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Stewart Udall, former Member of Congress and Secretary of the Interior.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Friday, March 19th:

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Donald Harington: H. Res. 1040, to honor the life and accomplishments of Donald Harington for his contributions to literature in the United States, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 154.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:52 p.m. Page H1773

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspensions of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Commending the members of the Agri-business Development Teams of the National Guard for their efforts: H. Res. 1075, amended, to commend the members of the Agri-business Development Teams of the National Guard for their efforts, together with personnel of the Department of Agriculture and the United States Agency for International Development, to modernize agriculture practices and increase food production in war-torn countries;

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Recognizing the 65th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima: H. Res. 1099, amended, to recognize the 65th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the meritorious service performed by aviators in the United States Armed Forces: H. Res. 925, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the meritorious service performed by aviators in the United States Armed Forces who were shot down over, or otherwise forced to land in, hostile territory yet evaded enemy capture or were captured but subsequently escaped;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of a Cold War Veterans Recognition Day: H. Res. 900, amended, to support the goals and ideals of a Cold War Veterans Recognition Day to honor the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the Armed Forces during the Cold War and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in local and national activities honoring the sacrifices and contributions of those individuals; and

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all people in the United States should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad: H. Res. 1119, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that all people in the United States should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:26 p.m. and reconvened at 12:12 a.m. on Sunday, March 21st.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1758–59, H1759, H1761, H1762, H1771, H1772–73 and H1773. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:14 a.m. on Sunday, March 21, 2010.

Committee Meetings

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 3590, PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND H.R. 4872, RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 5, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 3590, the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," and H.R. 4872, the "Reconciliation Act of 2010."

The resolution provides two hours of debate on the topic of the Senate amendments and the topic of H.R. 4872 equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their designees.

With respect to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3590, the rule makes in order a motion offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House concur in the Senate amendments. The motion shall be in order without intervention of any point of order except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. The Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read.

If the motion to concur in the Senate amendments is adopted, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4872 under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 4872 except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. It provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against H.R. 4872, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.R. 4872 with or without instructions.

Until completion of proceedings enabled by the first three sections of the rule, (a) the Chair may de-

cline to entertain any intervening motion (except as expressly provided herein), rule, question, or notice; (b) the Chair may decline to entertain the question of consideration; (c) the Chair may postpone such proceedings to such time as may be designated by the Speaker; (d) the second sentence of clause 1(a) of rule XIX shall not apply (regarding 40 minutes of debate on non-debatable questions); and (e) any proposition admissible under the first three sections of the rule shall be considered as read.

Finally, the rule directs the Clerk, in the engrossment of H.R. 4872, to amend the title to read: "An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010 (S. Con. Res. 13)." Testimony was heard by Chairman Waxman, Chairman Levin, Chairman George Miller (CA), Representatives Becerra, Moore (WI), Pallone, Weiner, Andrews, Ryan (WI), Hensarling, Barton (TX), Shimkus, Buyer, Terry, Blackburn, Burgess, Gingrey, Scalise, Camp, Herger, Brady (TX), Kline (MN), Cassidy, Foxx, Franks (AZ), Dent, Paulsen, and Roe (TN).

Next Meeting of the SENATE 2 p.m., Monday, March 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1 p.m., Sunday, March 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1586, Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients, with a series of up to three roll call votes at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Sunday: Consideration of Senate amendments to H.R. 3590—Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 4872—Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Subject to a Rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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